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1. Although officially permitted to write letters home from foreign ports, Soviet sailors are in fact advised by the 'cadre' section of the State Shipping Administration¹ not to write to their relatives while abroad.
2. The 'cadre' section explains this advice as follows:

" You are perfectly within your rights in writing letters home and your relatives have a right to receive letters from you; but, since the authorities who are watching for possible foreign agents do not necessarily know that your relatives have a right to receive such letters from you, it would be better therefore if you did not write home from foreign ports."

3. It is believed that almost every Soviet sailor, including captains, follows this advice.

1. [] Comment: This is probably a reference to the Ministry of Sea and River Fleet or one of its components. "Cadre Section" is standard Soviet terminology for "personnel section"

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